

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Subject: **STIP AMENDMENT 08S-009**

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) and Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) propose to amend the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to change the scope of the Los Banos Bypass project (PPNO 5707) to an environmental only project, and program PS&E and Right of Way for a Los Banos Bypass Segment 1 project (PPNO 5707A) from Route 165 to 0.5 mile west of Santa Fe Grade Road.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Banos Bypass (PPNO 5707) is currently programmed for environmental (PA&ED) and design (PS&E). The environmental phase was completed on June 25, 2007. The project was approved for future consideration of funding on November 8, 2007, under Resolution E-07-21.

The construction estimate for the Los Banos Bypass (including construction support) is \$409 million, which is too large to program in a single STIP cycle. Rather than design the entire bypass, which cannot be constructed as a single project, the Department proposes to design and acquire right of way for a fundable segment with independent utility (Segment 1). As such, it is necessary to split the project into three segments as follows:

- Segment 1 (PPNO 5707A): Construct a four-lane expressway from Route 165 to 0.5 mile west of Santa Fe Grade Road.
- Segment 2 (PPNO 5707B): Construct a four-lane expressway from 0.3 mile east of Volta Road to Route 165.
- Segment 3 (PPNO 5707C): Construct new interchanges at West Pacheco Boulevard, Route 165, and East Pacheco Boulevard.

Only Segment 1 will be programmed at this time (see attached map for clarification).

This amendment proposes the following:

- Change the scope of the Los Banos Bypass project (PPNO 5707) to environmental (PA&ED) only.
- Closeout the PA&ED component for PPNO 5707.
- Create a new project, Los Banos Bypass Segment 1 (PPNO 5707A), from Route 165 to 0.5 mile west of Santa Fe Grade Road.
- Change regional improvement program (RIP) and interregional improvement program (IIP) programming as shown in the following tables.

Proposed RIP changes (\$ x 1,000s):

Component	Existing	Proposed		
	5707	5707	5707A	Total
PA&ED	2,700	2,640	0	2,640
PS&E	4,500	0	2,540	2,540
R/W Support	0	0	270	270
Con Support	0	0	0	0
R/W	0	0	1,750	1,750
Con	0	0	0	0
Total	7,200	2,640	4,560	7,200

Proposed IIP changes (\$ x 1,000s):

Component	Existing	Proposed		
	5707	5707	5707A	Total
PA&ED	2,700	2,640	0	2,640
PS&E	4,500	0	2,540	2,540
R/W Support	0	0	270	270
Con Support	0	0	0	0
R/W	0	0	1,750	1,750
Con	0	0	0	0
Total	7,200	2,640	4,560	7,200

This proposal will fully fund design (PS&E), right of way support, and right of way capital for Segment 1. It is anticipated that construction support and construction (\$67,600,000) will be funded with a combination of IIP, RIP, and local funds in Fiscal Year 2013-14 or later.

This amendment does not propose any programming for Segments 2 and 3. However, for Departmental purposes, the expenditures for environmental for PPNO 5707 will be distributed among all three segments.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program at the end of the 30-day notice period.

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Location Map

